



AUSTRALIA at a glance



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Table of Australia

		N.S.W.	Vic.
Area	000 sq km	802	228
Population (June 1983)p	000	5 354.9	4 034.6
Crops (area sown) 1982/83	000 hectares	5 160	2 250
Numbers at 31/3/83—Sheep and lambs	mil	48.0	22.7
Cattle and calves		4.9	3.5
Output			
Wool (greasy basis) 1982/83	000 tonnes	233.8	139.3
Wheat for grain 1982/83		1 457	419
Beef and veal 1982/83		369	368
Mutton and lamb 1982/83		158	181
Whole milk intake by factories 1982/83	m litres	905	3 164
Copper (metallic content) 1981/82	000 tonnes	23	—
Lead (metallic content) 1981/82		253	—
Zinc (metallic content) 1981/82		357	—
Iron (metallic content) 1981/82		—	—
Bauxite 1981/82		1	8
Coal 1982/83		66 617	34 988
Gross value of production			
Agriculture 1982/83p	\$ m	2 922	2 352
Fishing 1981/82		75	30
Value added			
Mining 1981/82		1 483	1 690
Manufacturing (incl. 1981/82)		11 825	10 579
Income per head of mean population 1980/81	\$	7 628	7 542

(a) Excludes single establishment manufacturing enterprises with fewer than four persons.

Capital cities		Sydney	Melbourne
Population (June 1982)	000	3 310.5	2 836.8
Average annual rainfall	mm	1 215	659
Average daily hours of sunshine		6.7	5.7
Temperature			
January average maximum	°C	25.5	25.8
January average minimum		18.4	14.0
July average maximum		15.9	13.3
July average minimum		7.9	5.7

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INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS: AUSTRALIA AND SELECTED COUNTRIES—1982

Country	Estimated Population(a)	Surface Area(a)	Consumer Price Index(b)
			All Groups 1975 = 100
	000	km ²	
Australia	14 856	7 682 300	201.6
Belgium	9 861	30 513	159.2
Canada	24 213	9 976 139	189.5
Denmark	5 122	43 069	202.0
Finland	4 801	337 009	203.0
France	53 963	547 026	208.5
Germany, Fed. Rep. of	61 666	248 577	136.4
Greece	9 707	131 944	320.0
Ireland	3 440	70 283	272.5
Italy	57 197	301 225	300.5
Japan	117 645	372 313	147.8
Luxembourg	364	2 586	158.6
Netherlands	14 246	40 844	151.2
Norway	4 097	324 219	189.0
Portugal	9 931	92 082	393.9
Spain	37 654	504 782	307.4
Sweden	8 324	449 964	201.0
Switzerland	6 473	41 288	126.2
Turkey	46 375	780 576	1 292.0
United Kingdom	55 940	244 046	237.7
U.S.A.	229 805	9 363 123	179.3

Sources: For foreign countries: (a) United Nations Demographic Year Book 1981
(b) OECD *Main Economic Indicators* 1982

Exchange Rate of \$A1 — Average for December 1983 (selling rates)

U.K. 62 new pence	U.S.A. U.S. \$0.90	Japan 209 Yen	New Zealand N.Z. \$1.37
Germany (F.R.G.) 2.45 D.M.	Canada Can. \$1.11	France 7.46 Francs	Italy 1.482 lire

Cover: Windsurfing, Gold Coast, Queensland

1980-81 1981-82 1982-83

Population at 30 June	000	14 923	15 178	p15 369
aged less than 15	%	25.0	24.7	n/a
aged 15-64		65.3	65.5	n/a
aged 65 and over		9.7	9.8	n/a
Births	000	231	237	p242
Deaths		109	111	p113
Marriages		111	116	p116

Net permanent and long term movement	000	+119	+123	+75
Visitor arrivals, short term		914	952	930
Departures of residents, short term		1 195	1 248	1 259

Civilian labour force	May—males	000	4 257	4 307	4 369
	females		2 496	2 548	2 611
Unemployed persons	May		376	450	719
Job vacancies	May		35 7	25 3	17 5
Trade union membership	December		2 956	2 994	3 012
Industrial disputes	work days lost		2 901	3 833	3 832

Award rates of pay index—wage and salary earners, adult males	June 1976 = 100	147.4	165.5	183.8
Earnings, all males	\$	—	307.00	341.90
Hours (incl. overtime), full time non managerial adult males, October	No.	40.9	40.9	40.0

	£ m	1997	1998	1999
Current receipts (all governments)		43 879	51 133	56 441
Cwith income tax persons		17 543	21 224	22 966
Other Cwith government taxes		15 135	16 777	18 099
State and local government taxes		7 640	8 925	10 230
Total outlay (all governments)		49 889	57 453	68 508
Final consumption expenditure		22 139	25 351	28 742
Transfers to persons		11 686	13 601	16 583
Gross fixed capital expenditure		9 895	10 698	13 239

Private finance			
Trading bank deposits, June balances	\$ m	29 306	33 503
Savings bank deposits, June balances		23 227	25 057
Housing loans approved to individuals			
Trading banks		1 236	1 192
Savings banks		2 813	2 739
Permanent building societies		2 464	1 851
Other significant lenders		1 460	1 249
Finance companies, loan balances, June		22 945	26 855
New money raised - listed companies			
Shares		2 147	1 303
Debentures, secured notes etc		1 616	1 814
Life insurance, value of new policies		31 007	36 328

Overseas trade

Total exports f.o.b.	\$ m	19 177	19 575	22 205
Total imports		18 965	23 004	21 810
Percentage of total exports to Japan		27.3	27.3	27.1
Percentage of total exports to E.E.C.		12.4	12.0	14.0
Percentage of total imports from E.E.C.		20.3	20.9	20.1
Percentage of total imports from U.S.A.		22.0	22.8	21.8

Major export commodities f.o.b.

Wool (greasy)	\$ m	1 456	1 471	1 471
Meat (fresh chilled frozen)		1 531	1 292	1 585
Wheat		1 729	1 720	1 343
Machinery and transport equipment		1 078	1 099	1 134
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap		3 120	3 376	3 754
Coal, coke and briquettes		1 981	2 296	3 080
Sugar		1 146	764	557

Major import commodities

Machinery		4 995	6 109	5 682
Transport equipment		2 038	3 247	2 340
Petroleum and petroleum products		2 719	3 008	3 085

Balance of payments

Balance on current account	\$ m	5 455	8 873	6 287
Balance of trade (B.O.P. basis)		451	3 298	916
Net invisibles		5 004	5 575	5 371
Net apparent capital inflow		6 604	10 227	8 723
Government capital		69	505	588
Private capital (b)		6 707	9 640	7 680
Non official monetary sect.		34	82	455
Net official monetary mover	\$	1 149	1 354	2 436

Motor vehicles on register June (c)	000	7 918	8 346	p8 574
Cars and station wagons June		6 021	6 294	p6 463
New motor vehicles registered (c)		665	694	651
Civil aviation (passenger km)				
Regular internal services	mil	9 747	10 155	n.y.a.
Overseas services (Australian airline)		14 877	14 818	n.y.a.

New houses (number completed)	000	101.5	96.8	79.9
New other dwellings (number completed)		34.4	41.5	35.4
Value of new dwellings completed	\$ m	4 876	5 808	5 165
Value of other buildings completed		3 309	4 074	4 697

(a) Includes iron concentrates and iron ore for pellet production (b) Includes balancing item (c) Includes motor cycles excludes tractors plant and equipment caravans and trailers

Notes: Figures relate to 1 July 30 June unless otherwise indicated

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PRODUCTION AND RETAIL SALES

1980-81 1981-82 1982-83

Agriculture

Gross value of agriculture	\$ m	11 584	12 653	11 187
Crops		5 306	6 239	4 901
Livestock slaughtering etc		3 474	3 306	3 266
Livestock products		2 804	3 108	3 120
Wheat production	000 tonnes	10 856	16 360	8 901
Wool production		701	717	700
Meat production		2 278	2 307	2 307

Mining

Bauxite	000 tonnes	25 450	24 690	p22 865
Iron ore (a)		93 754	86 786	p80 991
Coal		128 177	136 995	p142 576
Crude oil (incl condensate)	mega litres	23 036	22 369	p22 069
Natural gas	ciga litres	10 269	11 294	p11 654

Manufacturing

Steel ingots	000 tonnes	7 954	7 270	5 306
Cement		5 734	6 086	5 076
Tobacco and cigarettes		30	31	30
Beer	m litres	1 988	1 968	1 935
Finished and partly finished motor vehicles	000	373	423	357
Electricity	m kWh	100 782	105 034	105 913
Electric motors— under 720 W	000	3 648	3 495	2 305
Yarn—Cotton	000 kg	22 273	21 128	17 156
Wool		19 310	20 169	17 811

Retail sales (excluding motor vehicles parts petrol etc)

\$ m	33 183	37 158	40 539
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PRICE INDEXES

Consumer (6 capital cities)	1980-81	100	100.0	110.4	123.1
Export	1974-75	100	185	187	203
Building materials - House	1966-67	100	344.0	377.9	415.7
Other	1979-80	100	112.9	125.4	140.4
Manufacturing					
Materials used	1968-69	100	353.2	358.9	388.0
Articles produced			305.3	328.9	360.3

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	\$ m	130 813	147 342	160 806
Gross farm product		7 091	7 257	5 811
GDP at 1979-80 prices		118 916	121 887	119 457
Gross farm product at 1979-80 prices		6 615	7 682	6 346
Gross fixed capital expenditure		31 829	37 828	38 079
Gross fixed capital exp - private		21 724	26 936	24 640
Household income		110 098	126 777	140 480
Personal consumption expenditure		78 913	89 415	100 155

	SA	WA	Tas	N.T.	ACT	Aust
1 727	984	2 526	68	1 346	2	7 682
2 473 0	1 340 4	1 363 2	432 2	134 0	236 7	15 369 2
2 681	2 794	6 412	100	3	1	19 401
12 1	15 5	30 2	4 5		0 1	133 2
9 3	0 8	1 8	0 6	1 6		22 5
54 5	101 4	149 3	21 7		0 3	700 3
801	692	5 531	2			8 901
501	106	118	45	32	3	1 542
23	76	64	22		2	52 7
573	340	221	322			5 525
175	16	10	23	12		260
171	11		31			455
152		30	84			624
	1 425	52 074	1 387			54 886
8 705		11 907		4 069		24 690
35 080	1 440	3 903	548			142 576
2 210	1 188	2 126	311	n/a	n/a	11 187
n/a	52	99	33	18		n/a
1 546	200	1 333	170	293	1	6 716
3 448	2 620	2 053	713	61	78	31 378
6 894	7 181	7 295	6 767	8 544	9 135	7 428

is employed at end of year

Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra
1 124 2	p960 0	948 9	172 5	p60 9	230 8
1 153	528	873	629	1 536	629
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0 500 1 000
SCALE (kilometres)

ANNUAL RAINFALL mm (median)

1 500+
1 000 1 500
750 1 000
550 750
250 550
125 250
0-125

DISTANCE (kilometres)

Sydney Perth	3 400
Adelaide Darwin	2 700
Darwin Singapore	3 400
Sydney Tokyo	7 900
Sydney San Francisco	12 100
Sydney London	17 100

AREA ('000 sq. kilometres)

Australia	7 682
Europe (excl. USSR)	4 920
USA (excl. Alaska)	7 850
United Kingdom	230

